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FOR: MISSION DIRECTOR FROM: ALBERT PRINTZ, EAC

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SUBJECT: SMALL FARM IRRIGATION PRP - ENVIRONMENTAL
EXAMINATION

1. AT YOUR REQUEST, I HAVE REVIEWED THE PRP, THE INITIAL
ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE) AND THE ISSUES RAISED
DURING THE DAEC REVIEW IN LIGHT OF THE DCM'S MEMORANDUM
OF NOVEMBER 4, 1976.

2. I SUPPORT THE MISSION'S CONCLUSION OF A NEGATIVE
DETERMINATION REACHED IN THE INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL
EXAMINATION OF THIS PROJECT; I.E., THAT THE PROJECT WOULD
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NOT CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE HUMAN ENVIRON-
MENT. THE INTENT OF SUCH A DETERMINATION IN THE IEE IS
NOT TO IMPLY THAT THERE IS NO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.
I BELIEVE THE KEY WORK IS "SIGNIFICANT". THE IEE
SCALES PROJECT IMPACT FROM NONE TO LIGHT TO MODERATE.
GIVEN THE SMALL SCALE OF THE SUBPROJECTS PROPOSED IN THIS
PROJECT, THEIR GEOGRAPHIC SCATTERATION, AND THE SELF-

HELP NATURE OF THE CONSTRUCTION, I BELIEVE THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ACTIVITIES WILL NOT HAVE A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT IN EL SALVADOR IS VALID. AT THE SAME TIME, SINCE THERE IS SOME IMPACT, THESE CONCERNS SHOULD BE EXAMINED AS APPROPRIATE IN THE PROJECT PAPER. THUS, THE ISSUES OF HEALTH, FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE USE,

RETURN WATER QUALITY, WATER DIVERSION AND APPLICATION WILL THEREFORE BE HANDLED AT THE TIME PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA ARE ESTABLISHED WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS FOR SUBPROJECT SELECTION AND IMPLEMENTATION, AS WELL AS AT THE TIME TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES ARE ESTABLISHED. THESE WILL THEN BE DISCUSSED IN THE PP.

I HAVE DISCUSSED OUR GENERAL PROCEDURES AND HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED THIS SPECIFIC PROJECT WITH THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AND THEY HAVE FOUND THEM ACCEPTABLE.

3. YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING SUBJECTING SMALL SCALE IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF THIS TYPE TO AN AUTOMATIC PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION PROCESS. WE HAVE RECENTLY DEVELOPED THE PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN SUCH AN EXAMINATION WITH THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AND HAVE PROCEEDED TO LOOK FIRST AT THE PROGRAMS OF THE OFFICE OF FOOD FOR PEACE. IN THOSE PROGRAMS WE REACHED A NEGATIVE DETERMINATION AND AT THE SAME TIME RECOGNIZED UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PROCEDURAL CHANGES THAT THE OFFICE CAN TAKE TO INSURE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS RECOGNIZED IN THE REVIEW WOULD BE RESOLVED IN THE PROJECT DESIGN. WE ARE NOW ABOUT TO SUBJECT OUR CONCLUSIONS TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY BEFORE ISSUING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MISSIONS REGARDING FURTHER INVOLVEMENT OF RULE 16 WITH THE PROGRAMS OF THE OFFICE OF FOOD FOR PEACE.

4. I WILL SOON BE PROVIDING YOU AND OTHER MISSIONS WITH INFORMATION ON IMPOUNDMENTS AND IRRIGATION ACTIVITIES USED BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE OF USDA. I WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN SELECTING APPROPRIATE PEOPLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN FORMULATING THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES WITH THE GOES AND IN FORMULATING AN APPROPRIATE EXTENSION SERVICE PROGRAM TO COMPLEMENT THE PROJECT.

5. IF THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO

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